*343. [*The questioner (Shri Talari Manohar) was absent. For answer* vide *Col.* 37—42 infra].

Report on the project for the manufacture of seamless steel tubes

@*343A. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the project report of the Rs. 850 crore project to manufacture seamless steel tubes for the oil industry, to be set up at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

[*No supplementaries*].

Statement

(a) and (b) No project report for Rs. 850 crore project to manufacture Seamless Steel Tubes for the Oil Industry to be set up at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh has been received by Government. However, a letter of intent (LOI) was issued on 3-7-85 for setting up a new undertaking at Bidar, Karnataka for the manufacture of Seamless Steel Pipes and Tubes. This LOI was not implemented by the party. Subsequently, the applicant sought change of location to Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh and substantial modifications in the scope of the project. As the revised proposal was substantially different from the original application, the applicant was advised to make a fresh application for letter of intent for his revised project. Government have not received any revised application from the party.

Agreement with the Soviet Union for importing coal mining equipment

*344 SHRI KAPIL VERMA : †
KUMARI ALIA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that coal mining equipment for 15 collieries was imported from the Soviet Union as per an agreement ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the equipment imported under the agreement has not functioned well ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Out of 18 projects identified to be covered under Indo-Soviet Rouble credit agreements, only in 4 projects Coal India Limited have contracted for mining equipment of Soviet origin. the details of which are as under :

@Previously Starred Question 304, transferred from the 30th August. 1990

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma.